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SUBJECT: EC-MAGHREB AGREEMENTS

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1. GATT DOCUMENTS L/4379, 80, 81 DATED 28 JULY ANNOUNCE CIRCULATION OF EC-TUNISIA, EC-ALGIERS, EC-MOROCCO AGREEMENTS TO CONTRACTING PARTIES. ACTUAL TEXTS NOT YET RECEIVED; WILL BE FORWARDED.

2. DOCUMENTS TEXTS RELATING TO MOROCCO AND TUNISIA STATE THAT AGREEMENTS QUOTE FALL WITHIN THE VERY SPECIFIC CONTEXT OF THE HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES UNQUOTE. TEXT OF ALGERIA AGREEMENT SAYS QUOTE REPRESENTS ESTABLISHMENT ON NORMAL BASIS, AT LEVEL OF THE COMMUNITY, OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL RELATIONS THAT EXISTED HIGHERTO BETWEEN

ALGERIA AND THE MEMBER STATES. UNQUOTE.

3. REVERSE PREFERENCES. DOCUMENTS STATE THAT QUOTE
HAVING REGARD TO (ALGERIA'S, TUNISIA'S, MOROCCO'S) CURRENT
LEVEL OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ITS REQUIREMENTS IN
THIS CONNECTION AND BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO INSURE A
BETTER BALANCE IN TRADE WITH THE COMMUNITY, THE AGREE-
MENTS DO NOT ENTAIL AT THIS STAGE ANY RECIPROCAL FREE
TRADE OBLIGATION. THEY ARE THUS CONSONANT WITH THE
PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN PART IV OF THE GENERAL AGREE-
MENT UNQUOTE.

4. DOCUMENTS ALSO CONTAIN LOME-TYPE LANGUAGE CONCERNING
OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF GENERAL AGREEMENT PLUS CLAIMS THAT
PROVISIONS LAID DOWN TO THIS END ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE
OF GATT. SAYS QUOTE THE COMMUNITY ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS
THAT THE AGREEMENTS WHICH IT HAS CONCLUDED WITH
(ALGERIA, TUNISIA, MOROCCO) BE EXAMINED AS SUCH, ON THEIR
OWN MERITS, BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVING REGARD
TO THE OBJECTIVES AS A WHOLE OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT
UNQUOTE. ABRAMS

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